

wali 211 and a rear wall 212. The tubular web 218 includes a plurality of identical interconnected reclosable bags 210. Each bag 210 has a top end 223 and a bottom end 224. Each bag 210 has a front wall 211 and a back wall 212.

Each bag 210 has a seal 220a at the top end 223 and a seal 220b at the bottom end 224 at which the front wall 211 is joined to the back wall 212. Each bag 210 has side edge seals 221a and 221b at which the front wall 211 is joined to the back wall 212.

As can best be seen in Figure 8B, connected to front wall 211 is a reclosable fastener generally indicated by the numeral 213. Reclosable fastener 213 includes two interlocking profile strips generally indicated by the numerals 214 and 215 which are shown in the drawings to be interlocked. Profile strip 214 contains a groove 225 and profile strip 215 contains a protuberance 226 that is lockingly received in the groove 225.

A flange 216 is connected to the outside of profile strip 214. Flange 216 is connected to front panel 211 along flange edge 219. A rupturable perforation line 217 in front wall 211 provides a tear line for tearing open to enter bag 210 once the reclosable fastener 213 is opened. Each end 216a and 216b of flange 216 is preferably secured to front wall 211 in any conventional manner such as heat sealing to the front wall 211 to prevent air or liquids from entering or leaving through flange ends 216a and 216b. However, if desired, the flange ends 216a and 216b need not be sealed to the front wall 211 so air and liquids can enter or leave bag 210 through the flange ends 216a and 216b.

The flange 216 could be integrally connected to the profile strip 214 or as shown in Figure 8B the flange 216 could be made separately from profile strip 214 and attached to flange 216 in any conventional manner such as heat sealing.

Reclosable fastener 213 with attached flange 216 could be replaced with any of the previously described fastener arrangements such as shown in Figure 5 which includes a groove body arm 38 and a groove body leg 44 for use in attaching reclosable fastener assembly 26 to the inside of the wall that forms the front panel of the bag instead of attaching fastener assembly 26 to the outside of the wall of the front panel of the bag as shown in Figure 8A and 8B. Reclosable bags such as bag 210 could be used as freezer storage bags and would be very conveniently dispensed from a roll or coil rather than individual bags that are loosely packed.